NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR A VEHICLE / RAILROAD TRAFFIC SEPARATION STUDY (TSS) AND POTENTIAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SEVERAL PUBLIC RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN EAST GUILFORD COUNTY

T.I.P. Project: P-3309M WBS #: 40325.1.59 Guilford County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold an informal, open house-style meeting, known as a Citizens' Informational Workshop for the above-mentioned railroad/highway project for several public railroad crossings in East Guilford County. The workshop will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012, between 5 - 7 p.m. at the Guilford County Cooperative Extension (Barn Kitchen Meeting Room), located at 3309 Burlington Road in Greensboro.

NCDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments in order to develop recommendations for improving several railroad crossings in East Guilford County. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time. There will not be a formal presentation.

The purpose of the upcoming workshops is to introduce the TSS proposed for East Guilford County and obtain public input relative to the existing at-grade railroad crossings located on Franklin Boulevard, O'Ferrell Street, Ward Road, Maxfield Road, Buchanan Church Road and Wagoner Bend Road. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions related to potential safety improvements as well as possible locations for grade separations (bridge over or underneath the railroad).

It is possible that the study recommendations may include safety enhancements, grade separations or the closure of some existing railroad crossings. The goal of NCDOT is to ensure the safety of passengers and train crews, motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the surrounding communities.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Nancy Horne, NCDOT Project Engineer, Rail Division, Engineering and Safety Branch, at: (919) 715-0296 or by email at: nhorne@ncdot.gov; or NCDOT Consultant, Scot Sibert with STV / RWA Consultants, Inc. at: (704) 372-1885 or by email at: scot.sibert@stvinc.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should call Ms. Horne so that arrangements can be made.

For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.